

House Resolution 1190

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Smyre of the 132nd, Porter of the 143rd, Hugley of the 133rd, Ashe of the 56th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending City of Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed and inviting him to appear before the
2 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mayor Kasim Reed has long been recognized for his commitment to improving
4 the lives of Atlanta residents and his collaboration and leadership skills; and

5 WHEREAS, raised in the Cascade community, Mayor Reed was educated in the Fulton
6 County Public School System, graduating from Westwood High School and earning both
7 bachelor's and law degrees from Howard University; and

8 WHEREAS, with a passion for public service, Mayor Reed began his career in government
9 in 1998 as a member of the House of Representatives for the Georgia General Assembly,
10 where he proudly served on the House Judiciary Committee, Education Committee, and
11 Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Committee; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2003, Mayor Reed joined the Senate, where he served as a member of the
13 Senate Judiciary Committee, Special Judiciary Committee, Urban Affairs Committee, Higher
14 Education Committee, Ethics Committee, Transportation Committee, and the State and Local
15 Government Operations Committee; and

16 WHEREAS, this year, Mayor Reed was sworn in as the 59th mayor for the City of Atlanta
17 and brings to office a purpose and drive to usher in a new day of government for the city; and

18 WHEREAS, as mayor, he will turn Atlanta's abandoned recreation centers into Centers of
19 Hope, providing young people with a place to gather for social activities, educational
20 programs, and athletics, helping them to become good citizens and community leaders; and

21 WHEREAS, Mayor Reed will revitalize the City of Atlanta by creating new jobs and
22 economic opportunities through a culture that is conducive to collaboration with leadership
23 at the state level and creating partnerships with Atlanta's business community; and

24 WHEREAS, with the hope of being known as the "mayor of the small businessman," Mayor
25 Reed will foster strong relationships between City Hall and local businesses and enable
26 businesses to respond quickly to opportunity by reducing red tape and bureaucracy that often
27 stalls innovation and growth; and

28 WHEREAS, Mayor Reed's agenda and focus on the future will improve the lives of Atlanta's
29 residents and uplift the city, region, and state for decades to come; and

30 WHEREAS, with great pride, the House of Representatives extends to their former
31 colleague, Mayor Reed, heartfelt congratulations upon his inauguration as the Mayor of
32 Atlanta and looks forward to working with him towards creating a brighter tomorrow for all
33 Georgians.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body commend Mayor Kasim Reed on his many contributions to the
36 City of Atlanta, Fulton County, and the State of Georgia and extend to him congratulations
37 on his new position as mayor.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Kasim Reed is invited to appear before the
39 House of Representatives for the purpose of being honored and accepting a copy of this
40 resolution.